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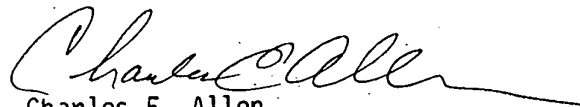
MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman NIC

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SUBJECT: Critical Issue for the Democratic Presidential Candidate

Given the fact that over the past 14 years the Soviets have produced 4 times as many ICBMs, 2 times as many SLBMs, 3 times as many helicopters, 12 times as many artillery pieces, 5 times as many APCs, 3 times as many tanks, 3 times as many attack submarines, about the same number of surface ships, as well as continuing to expend from 15 to 17 percent of Soviet gross national product on the military, we offer the following statement for the DCI to convey to candidate Dukakis:

If Gorbachev is successful and there is no significant change in traditional Soviet political and military goals, the US will face a more formidable adversary worldwide in the 1990's.


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